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FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Fields; Priola Rep. Buckner; Wilson	Bill Status:	Senate Education
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Bill Topic: CDE BULLYING POLICIES RESEARCH

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure (<i>minimal</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires the Department of Education, in coordination with the Department of Public Safety, to research bullying policies and practices used by other states and create a model policy for bullying prevention. The bill increases workload at both agencies on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires that the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) research policies, approaches, and practices related to bullying prevention and education used by other states. By July 1, 2019, CDE, in consultation with the School Safety Resource Center in the Department of Public Safety (DPS), must develop a model policy for bullying prevention and education. The research and model policy must be posted on the CDE website and updated every three years.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2018-19, the bill increases the workload for CDE and DPS to conduct research on bullying prevention practices utilized by other states and to develop a model policy. For CDE, the increase in workload is accommodated by the staff currently implementing the bullying prevention and education grant program. For DPS, staff from the School Safety Resource Center will coordinate with CDE to develop a model policy. For both departments, the workload increase can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 8, 2018, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2018, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education

Public Safety